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SUBJECT: UN DESERTIFICATION CONFERENCE (AUG 29 - SEPT 9
IN NAIROBI)

REF: STATE 196362

1. LEON RONSE, FOREIGN MINISTRY CHIEF OF ENVIRONMENTAL
AFFAIRS, PROVIDED US WITH FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON BELGIAN
VIEWS CONCERNING SUBJECT CONFERENCE.

2. BELGIAN GOVERNMENT LEVEL OF INTEREST IN DESERTIFICATION
CONFERENCE IS LOW AND PRIMARILY FOCUSSED ON STRICTLY
SCIENTIFIC ASPECTS. BELGIUM WILL BE CAUTIOUS ABOUT ANY
POSSIBLE ATTEMPT TO CHANGE FOCUS OF CONFERENCE FROM
SCIENTIFIC ANALYSIS TO PROGRAMS TO CONTROL OR REVERSE
DESERTIFICATION. FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDERSTANDS THAT SOME
PRELIMINARY TALKS HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN NEW YORK CONCERNING
POSSIBLE ARAB FUNDING OF SUCH PROGRAMS WITH PETRODOLLARS.
BELGIUM DOES NOT WANT TO BE MANEUVERED INTO SUPPORT OF
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SUCH EFFORTS, WHICH MIGHT INVOLVE BELGIAN FINANCIAL
CONTRIBUTIONS TO SUPPLEMENT ARAB FUNDS, BUT DOES NOT
WANT TO BE ISOLATED. IF THIS IS ALSO THE POSITION THE
U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL ADOPT, BELGIUM WILL FOLLOW THE U.S.
LEAD. BELGIUM IS NOT AWARE OF ANY OTHER MAJOR ISSUES OR
PROBLEMS LIKELY TO ARISE AT CONFERENCE.

3. BELGIAN PARTICIPANTS AT THE NAIROBI CONFERENCE WILL
INCLUDE:

(A) BELGIAN AMBASSADOR TO KENYA, PIETER O.R. MADDENS
(SEE FOREIGN MINISTRY ANNUAIRE, P. 261).

(B) MINISTER FOR OVERSEAS COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT,
LUCIEN OUTERS (SEE BIO DATA FORM DATED JUNE 8, 1977).
OUTERS WILL NOT BE PRESENT FOR OPENING OF CONFERENCE AND
WILL NOT REMAIN TO THE END. HIS VISIT TO KENYA WILL ALSO
INCLUDE AN INSPECTION TRIP TO BELGIAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

(C) GEORGES F.J.L. LEFEVERE, FOREIGN MINISTRY,
ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS (SEE 1974 FOREIGN MINISTRY
ANNUAIRE, P. 253).

(D) ETIENNE BERNARD, METEOROLOGIST, WHO IS A
SPECIALIST IN THE SCIENTIFIC ASPECTS OF DESERTIFICATION
(NO BIO DATA AVAILABLE). CHAMBERS

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